

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A securing nut comprising a nut body and a straining ring rotationally arranged on the nut body, the nut body having a neck, the straining ring being shoved onto the neck of the nut body and reversibly secured thereto by clamping, an inner surface of the straining ring having at least two grooves, each of the at least two grooves being a circular arc, the at least two grooves cumulatively extending across an entire angular range of  $360^{\circ}$ , an outer surface of the neck having a plurality of cams corresponding in number to the number of grooves, each cam being associated with a groove and extending across an angular range of less than  $60^{\circ}$ , wherein said neck is elastic and is reversibly deformable between a round contour and a non-round contour by compression of said neck by said straining ring.
2. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein exactly three grooves and exactly three cams are provided.
3. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 2, wherein each groove of the straining ring extends across an angular range of  $120^{\circ}$ .
4. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 2, wherein each cam of the neck extends across an angular range of  $30^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}$ .
5. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the gradient of the grooves is approximately linear.
6. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the gradient of the cams is curved prior to the clamping of the retaining ring to the nut body.

7. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the gradient of the cams is approximately linear after the clamping of the retaining ring to the nut body.

8. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the gradient of the grooves and the cams is generated by a circular arc.

9. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 5, wherein the gradient of the grooves of the straining ring is 1:50 to 1:100.

10. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 5, wherein the gradient of the cams of the neck is 1:20 to 1:40.

11. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the wall thickness of the neck corresponds at most to 10% of the inner diameter of the neck.

12. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the depth of the grooves of the straining ring and the cams of the neck is 1% to 3% of the inner diameter of the straining ring.

13. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the nut body including the neck is provided with an inner thread.

14. (Withdrawn) Method for producing a securing nut (1) with a nut body (5) and a straining ring (4) rotationally arranged on the nut body (5), the straining ring (4) being shoved onto a neck (2) of the nut body (5) and secured by clamping, whereby the inner surface of the straining ring (4) has at least two grooves in the form of circular splines (10a, 10b, 10c), they extend across the entire angular range of 360°C, and the outer surface of the neck (2) has the same number of cams in the form of spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c), which extend across an angular range of less than 360°C, characterized in that the nut body (5) is pressed in the form of a rough blank without inner thread

(3), the neck (2) having a greater wall thickness than is desired, and subsequently the wall thickness of the neck (2) is adjusted and the inner thread (3) is generated.

15. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 14, characterized in that the nut body (5) is pressed in the form of a rough blank without spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c) and subsequently the spline profiles (20a, 20b, 20c) are introduced by cutting machining.

16. (Withdrawn) Method according to claim 14 or 15, further characterized in that the straining ring (4) is pressed in ready form.

17. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 4, wherein each cam of the neck extends across an angular range of  $40^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}$ .

18. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 17, wherein each cam of the neck extends across an angular range of  $45^{\circ}$ .

19. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 9, wherein the gradient of the grooves of the straining ring is 1:70.

20. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 10, wherein the gradient of the cams of the neck is 1:25.

21. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 12, wherein the depth of the grooves of the straining ring and the cams of the neck is 1.75% of the inner diameter of the straining ring.

22. (Previously presented) The securing nut according to claim 1, wherein the straining ring has a hexagonal outer contour.

23. (New) The securing nut as claimed in claim 1 wherein said neck is reversibly deformable between a round contour and a triangular contour by compression of said neck by said straining ring.